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1. On 5 January 1954, the barracks installation in Jena-Loebstedt was occupied by about 1,200 troops, 70 percent of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia, 25 percent black-bordered crimson epaulets and 5 percent black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal and engineer insignia. Major (Armd) Shitkovski (phonetic spelling) (fnu) and Captain (Inf) Gudovski (phonetic spelling) (fnu) were                      at the installation between 21 December 1953 and 5 January 1954. On 3 January, about 120 soldiers drilled in the installation and, at about 11 a.m., about 65 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets and equipped with entrenching tools left the installation toward Jena-Roedigen. On 5 January, T-34 tanks                      were                      in the barracks yard. Two JS tanks drove from the installation toward Napoleonstein.                      At the same time, about 160 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets and equipped with 9 x 32-mm mortars and rifles left the installation toward Jena-Roedigen. At about noon on 5 January, about 60 soldiers drilled in the installation. Machine gun reports and sustained fire were heard from the target range of the installation.

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2. On 24 December, the barracks installation in Jena-Zwaetzen was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia.
3. On 24 December, the barracks installation in Jena-Loebstedt quartered about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Soldiers engaged in close order drill.
4. On 29 December, the barracks installation in Jena-Loebstedt was still occupied as was observed before. On 21 December, about 60 men equipped with submachine guns

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carbines and practice targets left the installation. Two JS tanks were parked in front of the southern garage in the south section of the installation. About 30 men fell in in front of them. [redacted]

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5. On 29 December, the barracks installation in Jena-Zwaetzen was still occupied as was observed before. On 16 December, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation, heading for the firing range between Forstendorf and Dornburg. They were equipped with submachine guns and carbines and followed by truck [redacted] which carried practice targets. 25X1 JS tank [redacted] and an AA gun which was dug in by gunners were seen in the new training area adjacent to the north of the barracks installation. Engineer troops did entrenching work and established a fence around the training area. Sedan [redacted] occupied by a major and a captain of the engineer troops entered the training area. On 18 December, soldiers trained with 4 x 57-mm AT guns in the south section of the installation. On 23 December, 30 artillery officers including a colonel and a lieutenant colonel assembled for a briefing. About 120 soldiers dug foxholes. [redacted] 25X1

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6. On 28 December, soldiers in the east section of the Forst Kaserne engaged in individual and group training. A T-34 tank and 4 x 57-mm AT guns were parked there.
7. Residents said that ten Soviet officer families were to be quartered with farmers in the vicinity of Jena in January 1954.
8. On 28 December, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore blue-bordered black epaulets. On 24 December, 1 lieutenant and 12 EM wearing blue-bordered black epaulets entered the quarters, coming from the depot on Erbert Strasse. [redacted]

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9. Between 14 and 24 December, the depot on Erbert Strasse, formerly Zeiss garages, presumably housed the signal equipment from Polizei Kaserne. Sentries observed there wore signal insignia. Sentries and work details were furnished by the Polizei Kaserne. A captain wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia entered the depot. On 18 and 24 December, armored scout car No 36 was seen in the yard. Sedan [redacted] was [redacted] in traffic to the installation. [redacted] 25X1

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